

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A cordless telephone, comprising:
a remote handset;
a base unit matched to said remote handset; ~~and~~
an MPEG audio player integrated within at least one of said remote handset and said base unit; and

a summer to digitally sum wherein a digitally synthesized ring tone is summed with an MPEG audio bit stream to allow a user of said cordless telephone to hear said cordless telephone ringing along with music and a user of said cordless telephone may initiate an action that mutes music playing from said MPEG audio when said cordless telephone receives a telephone call.

2. (previously presented) The cordless telephone according to claim 1, wherein:

said MPEG audio player is integrated within said remote handset.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The cordless telephone according to claim 1, wherein:

said MPEG audio player is an MP3 player.

5. (previously presented) The cordless telephone according to claim 2, wherein:

said MPEG audio player is an MP3 player.

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone, comprising:

connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN);

playing MP3 music from a remote handset of said cordless telephone;

digitally summing a digitally synthesized ring tone with an MP3 audio bit stream to allow a user of said cordless telephone to hear said cordless telephone ringing along with music; and

muting said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music by an action initiated by a user of said cordless telephone when said cordless telephone receives a telephone call.

10. (previously presented) The method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 9, wherein:

said muting pauses said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music.

11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14-18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) Apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone, comprising:

means for playing pre-loaded MP3 music from a remote handset of a cordless telephone;

means for connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN);

means for digitally summing a digitally synthesized ring tone with an MP3 audio bit stream to allow a user of said cordless telephone to hear said cordless telephone ringing along with music; and

means for muting said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music by an action initiated by a user of said cordless telephone when said cordless telephone receives a telephone call.

20. (previously presented) The apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 19, wherein:

said means for muting pauses said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music.

21-29. (canceled)